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RECIPIENT FOR : Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : [redacted] Visits Project Headquarters

1. On 26 May [redacted] of Lycom
25X1 visited Project Headquarters and not with Mr. John Fesangohy after
visiting Project Headquarters and not with Mr. John Fesangohy after
determining that the D/P was unavailable.

25X1 2. [redacted] stated that Lycom was approached by an unnamed repre-
25X1 sentative of McDonnell Aircraft Corporation, allegedly because of interest
25X1 indicated by someone, unidentified, in NASA and CIA, for the purpose of
determining if Lycom would prepare a camera proposal for use in the
Mercury program. [redacted] asked if the identity of the NASA or CIA people
interested in the foregoing is known. When told that a quick check
25X1 revealed that Project Headquarters had no information about this matter,
[redacted] indicated that he would check with [redacted] Mr. Adlard
25X1 Conner, at NASA.

3. [redacted] stated that Lycom can prepare an attractive camera
25X1 proposal for a recoverable Mercury capsule utilizing a new 70, 84, or
96 mm lens system, 2-configuration components, and thin base film for
a 3-day operation. This system would be capable of resolving five feet
25X1 on the ground. Further, Lycom could have a camera available for flight
within ten months time. [redacted] pointed out that due to the stress on
reliability in the recovery phase of the Mercury capsule, this approach
should provide a high degree of probability for camera recovery. [redacted] 25X1
felt that since the Mercury program plans a number of firings, for test
purposes, without astronauts aboard, the inclusion of a camera should
be attractive substitute package to the intelligence community. [redacted] 25X1
felt strongly that some interim system should be of interest to the
intelligence community until SAMOS becomes operational.

25X1 4. [redacted] stated that if the D/P is interested in the foregoing,
25X1 Lycom, at its own expense, would prepare a proposal for presentation to
the D/P. Lycom, however, would not wish to undergo the expense of working
up a formal proposal unless the D/P enforces the idea as having merit.
[redacted] was told that the foregoing would be brought to the attention of
the D/P.

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5. My subject [redacted] mentioned that Iyoon may supply two A-2
engines to your Aeromachical for use in two modified QH drones. If
your Aeromachical receives a contract from the USAF as expected on 3 June,
Iyoon will be required to deliver to you two (2) A-2 engines by 31 July.
According to Iyoon, [redacted]

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[redacted] are the designated USAF officers of this project. Colonel [redacted]
states that the above officers are assigned to USAF Reconnaissance Operations
at the Pentagon.

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for WILLIAM RUSSELL
Colonel USAF
Acting Chief, DDCI-DP

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